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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students who qualified the National Eligibility Test (NET)/Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) during the last three years;

(b) the number of these qualified students who are actually getting JRF scholarship after enro- lling themselves for their Ph. D.;

(c) whether the Government is aware of the fact that there has been no admission in Ph.D. prog- rammes during the last three years in the Univer- sities and if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to ensure admission and disbursement of entitled fellowship to the meritorious students?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a): The University Grants Commission (UGC) has reported that the number of candidates who qualified UGC-National Eligibility Test (NET) for eligibility for Assistant Professor and Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) during the last three years is as follows:

UGC-NET	Qualified for JRF	Qualified for Eligibility for Assistant Professor (including JRF)
December, 2011	3237	13859
June, 2012	5735	60793
December, 2012	3941	41145
June, 2013	4468	31176
December, 2013	5695	33033
June, 2014	3682	24931

(b): The number of these qualified students who are actually getting JRF scholarship after enro- lling themselves for their research programmes are as under:

Year	Number of JRF qualified research scholars enrolling in research programmes

2012-13 4,000
2013-14 6,000

2014-15 6,000

(c): It is not correct that there have been no admissions in Ph.D programme during last three years in the universities. The UGC has reported that many JRF scholars have joined the universi- ties/institutions/colleges for pursuing M.Phil/ Ph.D during last three years. The UGC has also received the Ph.D registration certificates in many such cases.

(d): In accordance with the guidelines of JRF, the JRF awardees should get registered for PhD/ M.Phil within a period of two years after receipt of JRF award letter. The UGC disburses the JRFs on receipt of the joining report and not on receipt of the candidate's registration in M.Phil/Ph.D.